

General Colour

Buffy brown, head paler, a blackish stripe about a scale wide commences on the snout, branches in front of the eyes to form the border of a pale vertebral band and suddenly break up and fade behind the shoulders. Another wider dorso-lateral band starts at the nostrils, passes through the eyes and over the ears to the shoulders where it too breaks up and disappears. Space between the bands pale like that between the dorsal stripes. On the back and laterally a number of paler scales form irregular cross bands which merge in to the pale cream, almost white under surface. Upper and lower labials with three narrow vertical stripes. Lower surface uniform with a few dark marks on the chin. Limbs above like the back, below like the under surface of the body.

Measurements in mm.

Total length 271, head 29, width of head 23, head and body 148, tail 123, fore limb 34, hind limb 49 (approx.).

This lizard resembles *E. striolata striolata* from Queensland from which it differs in its shorter tail and limbs, fewer scales round the body (26), fewer upper labials with the 4th and 5th under the eye, and coloration.

It differs from *Egernia striolata nitida* of Mitchell 1950 in its scale count, scalation on the head, and coloration. The two specimens R.11793 and 11794 are almost identical in size, scalation, coloration and markings. Of these R.11794 is designated the type of a new sub-species which is associated with the finder, the Museum Entomologist Mr. Athol M. Douglas.

FROM FIELD AND STUDY

Sooty Oystercatcher at Rottneest.—We observed a specimen of this species (*Haematopus fuliginosus*) at Strickland Bay on July 21, 1955.

—L. MACLEAN and L. VAN DER HEYDEN, Nedlands.

White Ibis at Bunbury.—On Saturday, April 21, while travelling up the estuary at Bunbury, I sighted a small flock of 14 White Egrets and among them but in a group to themselves 5 White Ibis. There were also thousands of Black Swans.

—W. BAGGS, East Cannington.

A Far Travelled Gannet.—In September, 1955, Mr. R. F. Fisher found on the sea beach near Northampton the remains of a Gannet which had a ring attached to its leg. When this ring (No. 15955) was returned to the Dominion Museum, New Zealand as requested, it was found that the bird was ringed on the 1st January, 1955, when it was 57 days old by Mr. P. A. Stein on Waiheke Island, Hauraki Gulf near Auckland on the North Island of New Zealand.

A letter sent from the Dominion Museum signed by the Director, Dr. R. A. Falla, states that a number of Gannets ringed in New Zealand have been recovered from the eastern coast but this has been the first recovered from Western Australia.

—L. GLAUERT, Perth.